

Persons with a Disability, 2017

Current Population Survey (CPS)

Division of Labor Force Statistics

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The Current Population Survey (CPS)

- Monthly survey of about 60,000 households nationwide
- Universe: civilian noninstitutional population age 16 and over
- Data on:
 - ▶ Labor force status
 - ▶ Demographic characteristics
 - ▶ Earnings
 - ▶ A number of other topics



Disability Questions in the CPS

- Six questions to identify those with a disability added to the CPS in June 2008
- Including disability questions in the CPS is a joint effort between BLS and ODEP



The 6 Survey Questions

1. Is anyone deaf or does anyone have serious difficulty hearing?
2. Is anyone blind or does anyone have serious difficulty seeing even when wearing glasses?
3. Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition, does anyone have serious difficulty concentrating, remembering, or making decisions?

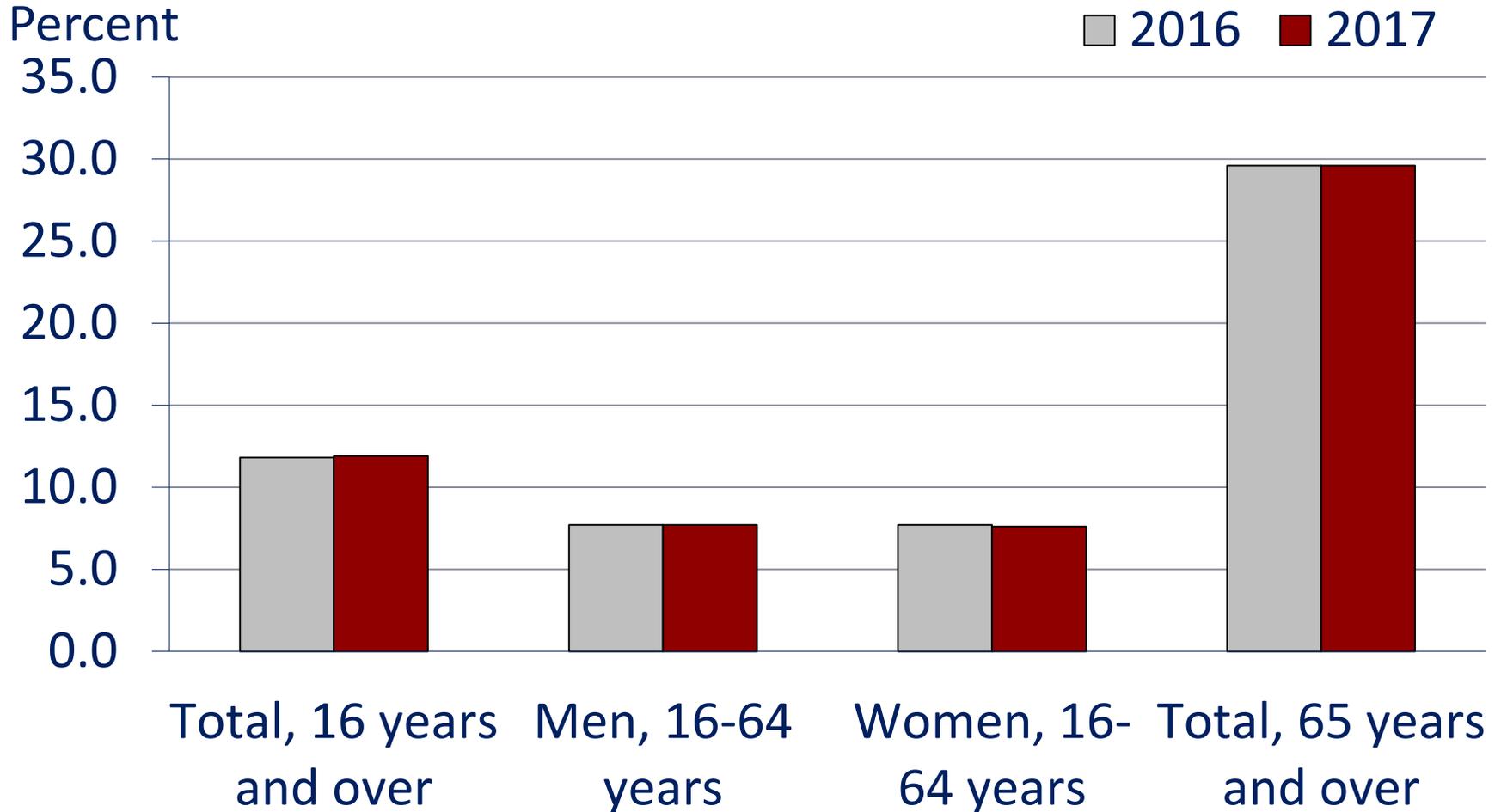


The 6 Survey Questions (continued)

4. Does anyone have serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs?
5. Does anyone have difficulty dressing or bathing?
6. Because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition, does anyone have difficulty doing errands alone such as visiting a doctor's office or shopping?



Older persons are more likely to have a disability (chart)



SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2016 and 2017 annual averages



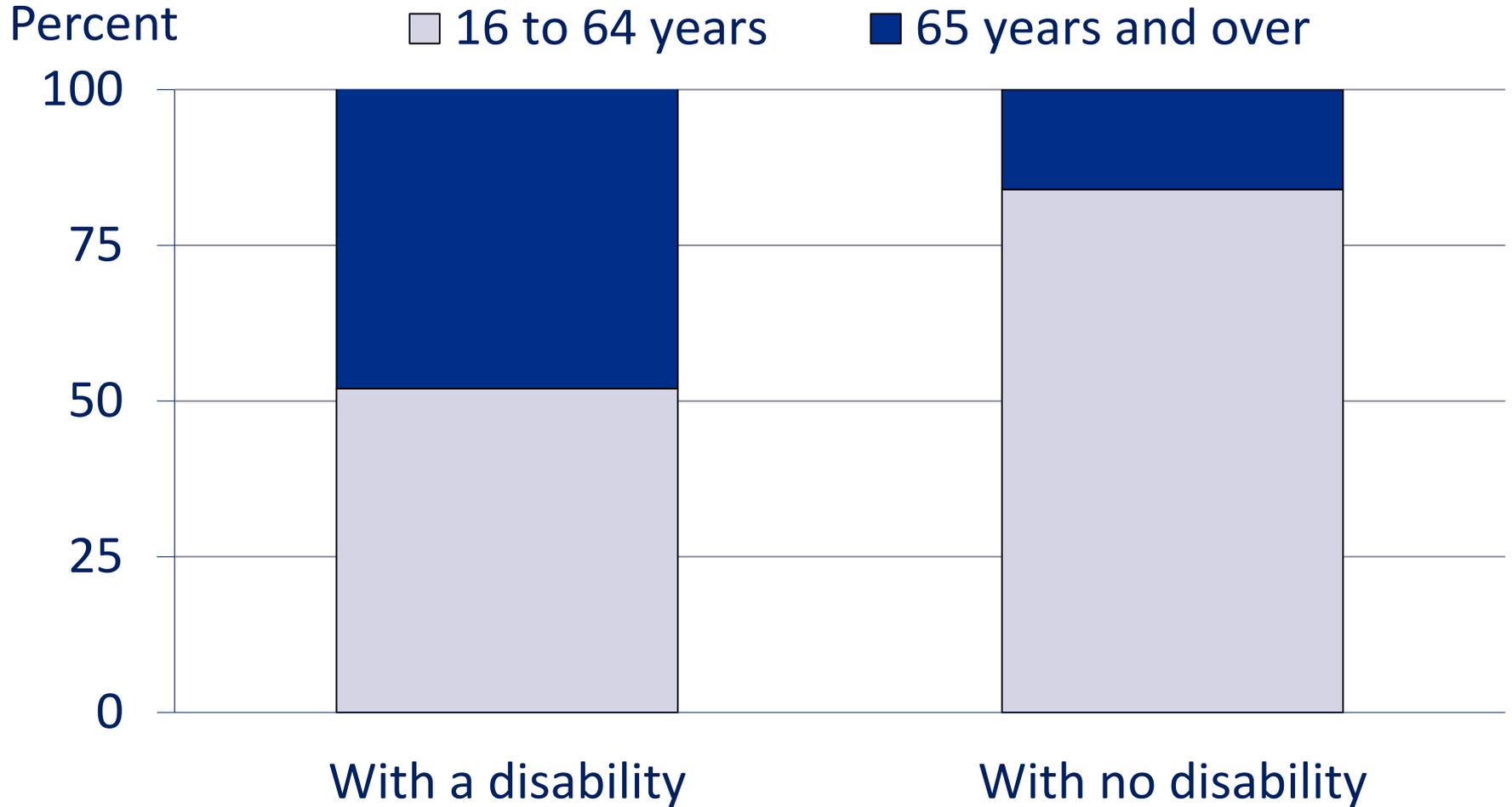
Older persons are more likely to have a disability (table)

Year	Total, 16 years and over	Men, 16-64 years	Women, 16-64 years	Total, 65 years and over
2016	11.8	7.7	7.7	29.6
2017	11.9	7.7	7.6	29.6

SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2016 and 2017 annual averages



A greater proportion of persons with a disability are age 65 and over (chart)



SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2017 annual averages



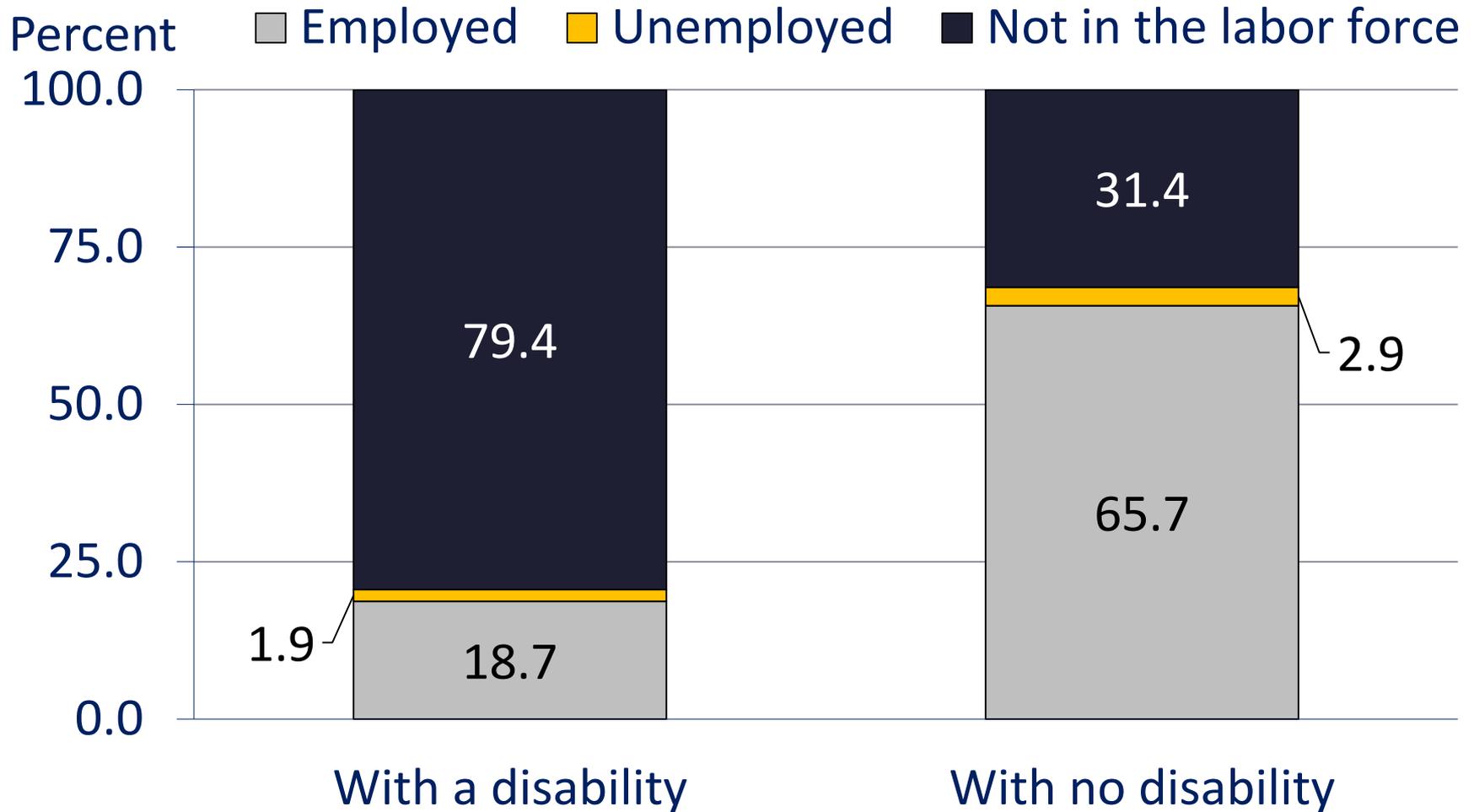
A greater proportion of persons with a disability are age 65 and over (table)

Age	With a disability	With no disability
65 years and over	48	16
16 to 64 years	52	84

SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2017 annual averages



Persons with a disability are less likely to be in the labor force (chart)



SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2017 annual averages



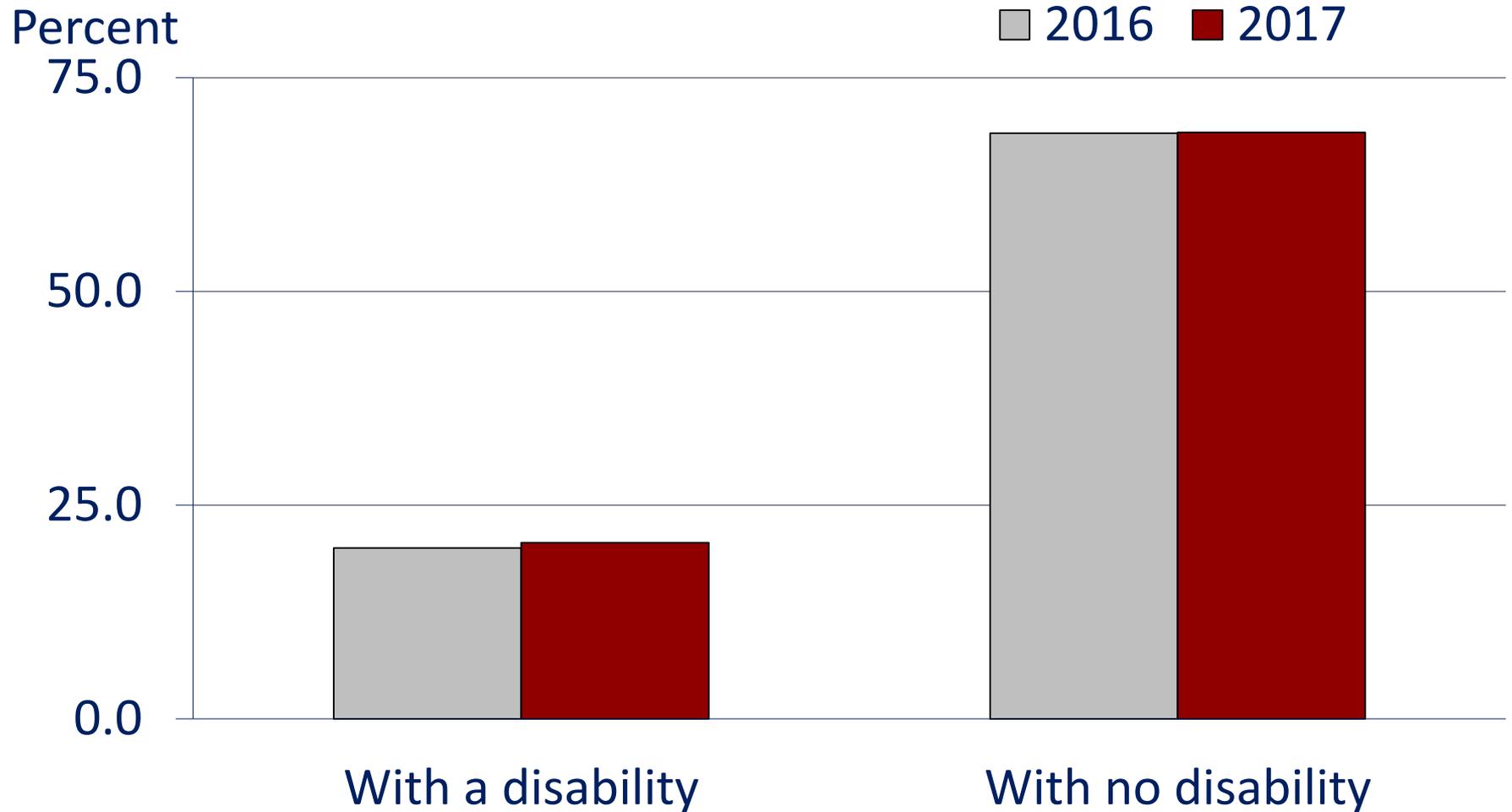
Persons with a disability are less likely to be in the labor force (table)

Labor force status	With a disability	With no disability
Not in labor force	79.4	31.4
Unemployed	1.9	2.9
Employed	18.7	65.7

SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2017 annual averages



Labor force participation rate for those with a disability increased in 2017 (chart)



SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2016 and 2017 annual averages



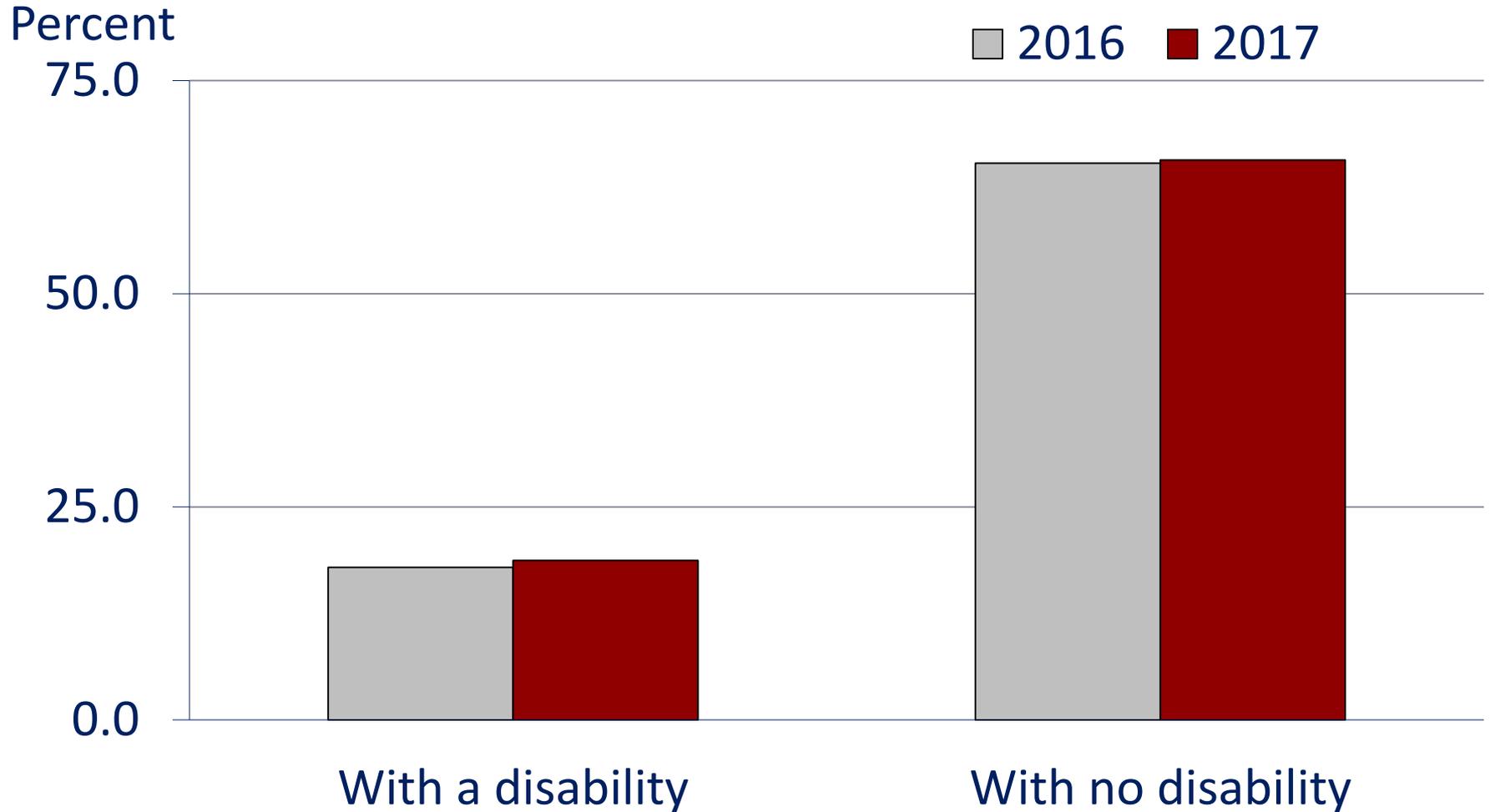
Labor force participation rate for those with a disability increased in 2017 (table)

Year	With a disability	With no disability
2016	20.0	68.5
2017	20.6	68.6

SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2016 and 2017 annual averages



Employment-population ratio for both groups increased in 2017 (chart)



SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2016 and 2017 annual averages



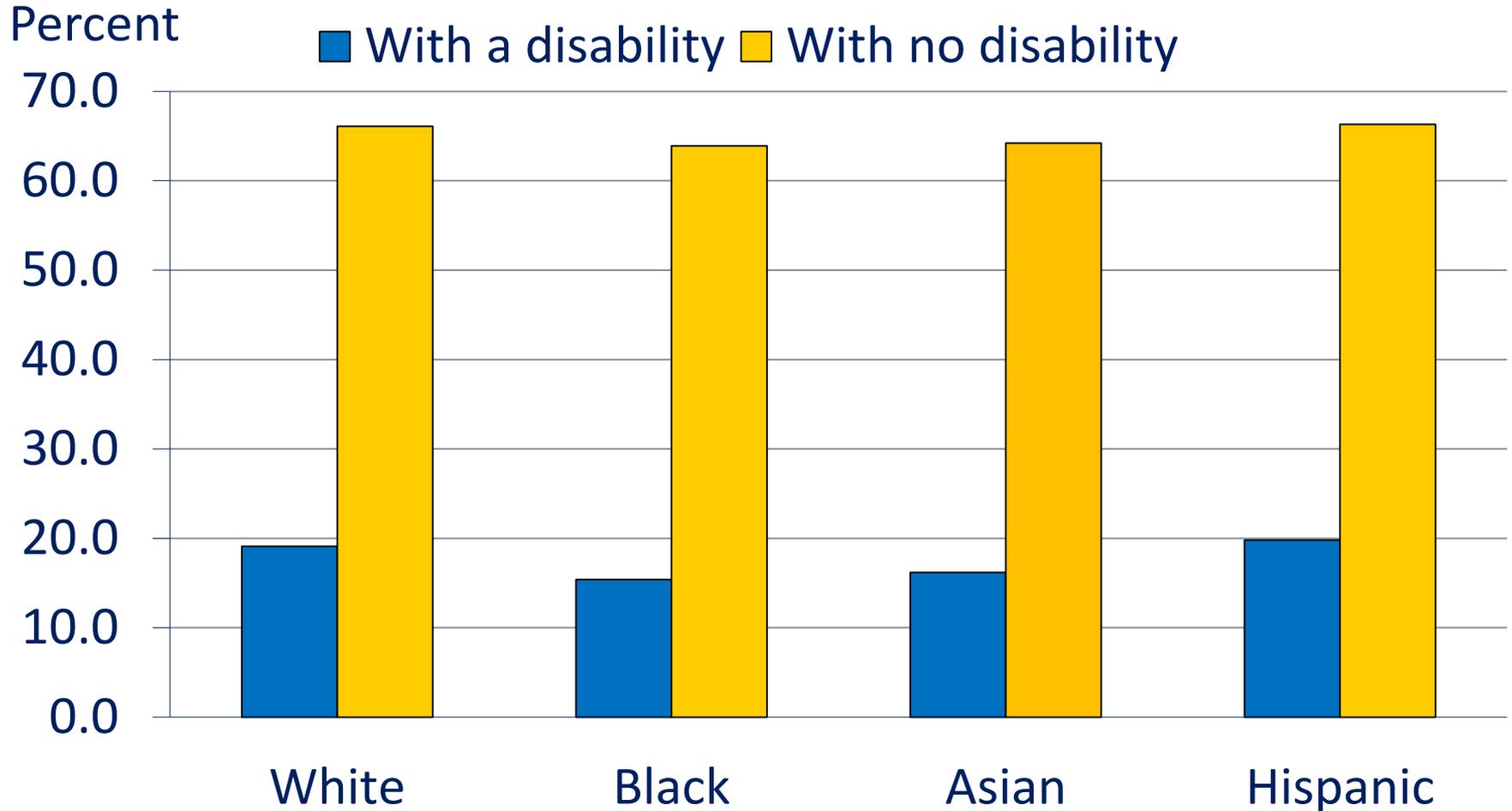
Employment-population ratio for both groups increased in 2017 (table)

Year	With a disability	With no disability
2016	17.9	65.3
2017	18.7	65.7

SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2016 and 2017 annual averages



Employment-population ratios by race, ethnicity, and disability status (chart)



NOTE: Persons of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity may be of any race
SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2017 annual averages



Employment-population ratios by race, ethnicity, and disability status (table)

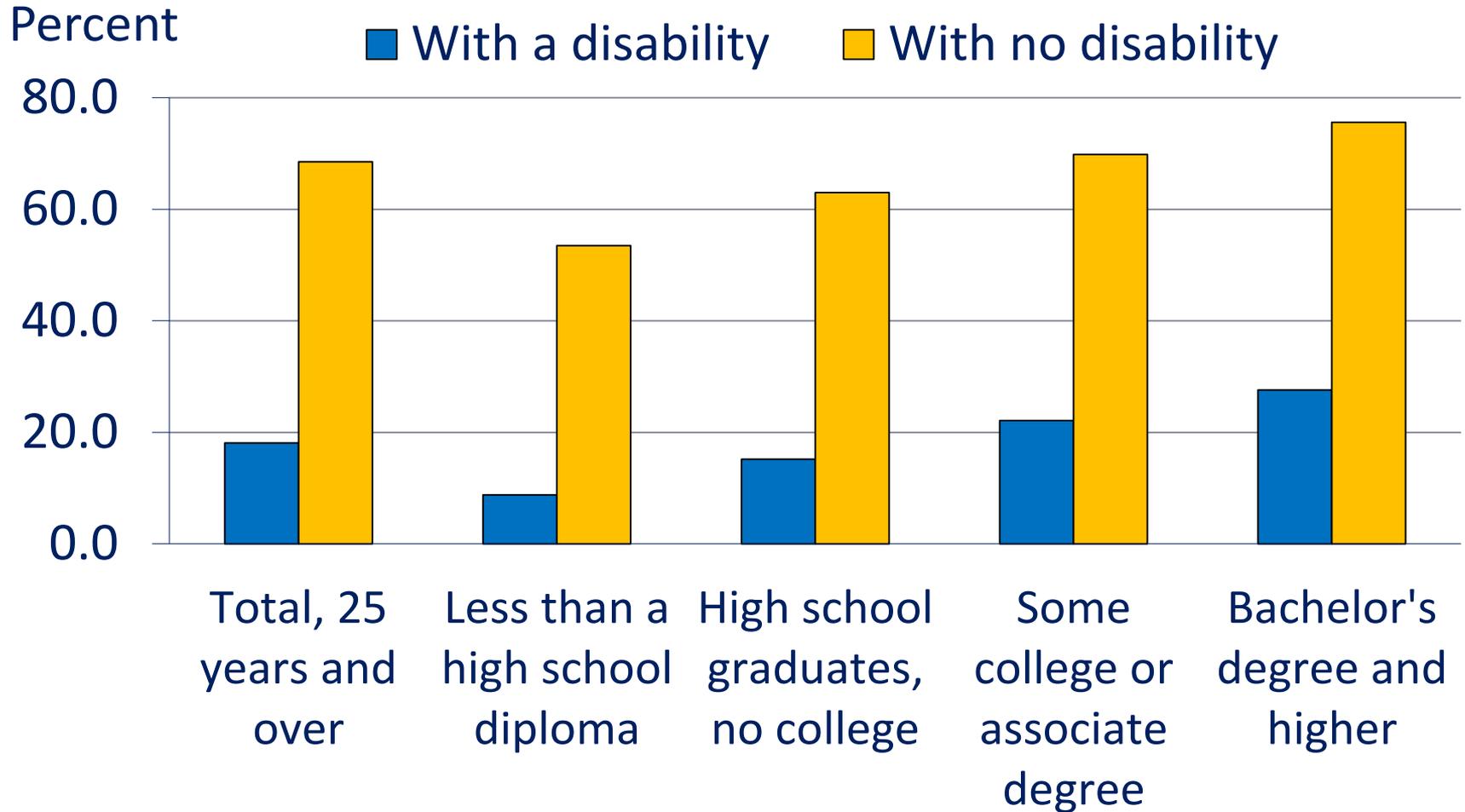
Disability status	White	Black	Asian	Hispanic
With a disability	19.1	15.4	16.2	19.8
With no disability	66.1	63.9	64.2	66.3

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SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2017 annual averages



Employment-population ratios by educational attainment (chart)



SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2017 annual averages



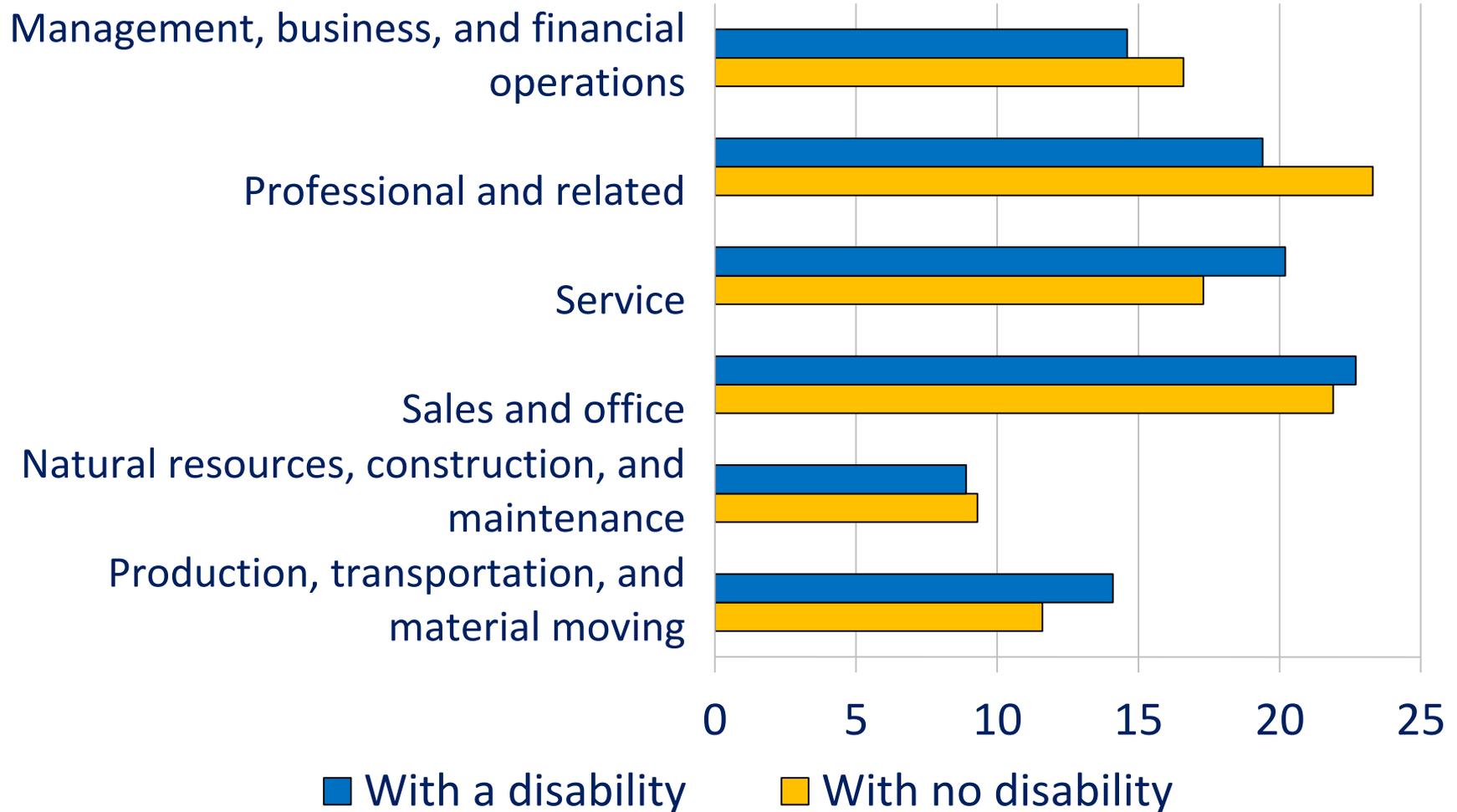
Employment-population ratios by educational attainment (table)

Disability status	Total, 25 years and over	Less than a high school diploma	High school graduates, no college	Some college or associate degree	Bachelor's degree and higher
With a disability	18.1	8.8	15.2	22.1	27.6
With no disability	68.5	53.5	63.0	69.8	75.6

SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2017 annual averages



Percent distribution of employed persons by occupation and disability status (chart)



SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2017 annual averages



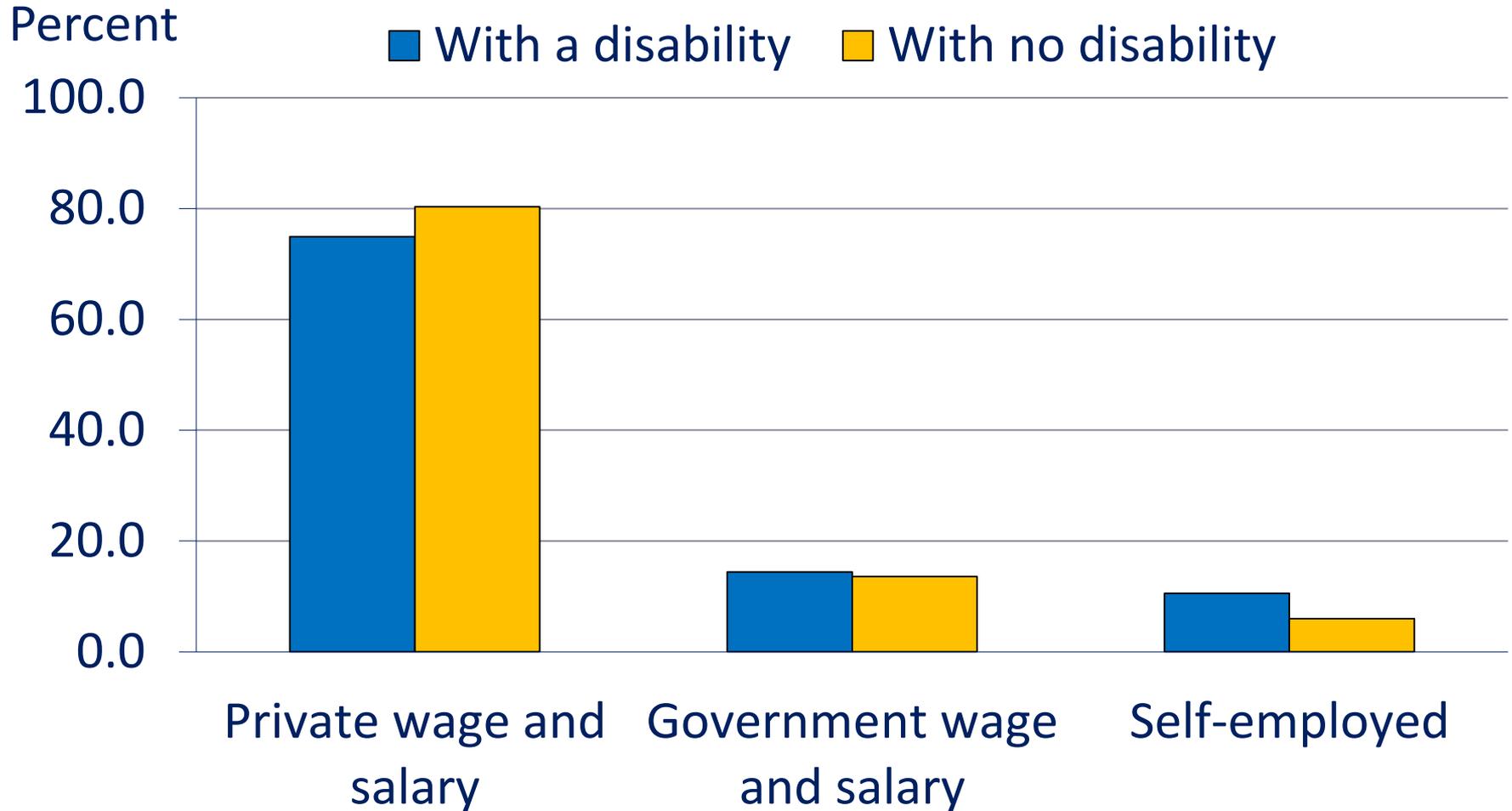
Percent distribution of employed persons by occupation and disability status (table)

Disability status	Management, business, and financial operations	Professional and related	Service	Sales and office	Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	Production, transportation, and material moving
With a disability	14.6	19.4	20.2	22.7	8.9	14.1
With no disability	16.6	23.3	17.3	21.9	9.3	11.6

SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2017 annual averages



Percent distribution of employed persons by class of worker and disability status (chart)



SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2017 annual averages



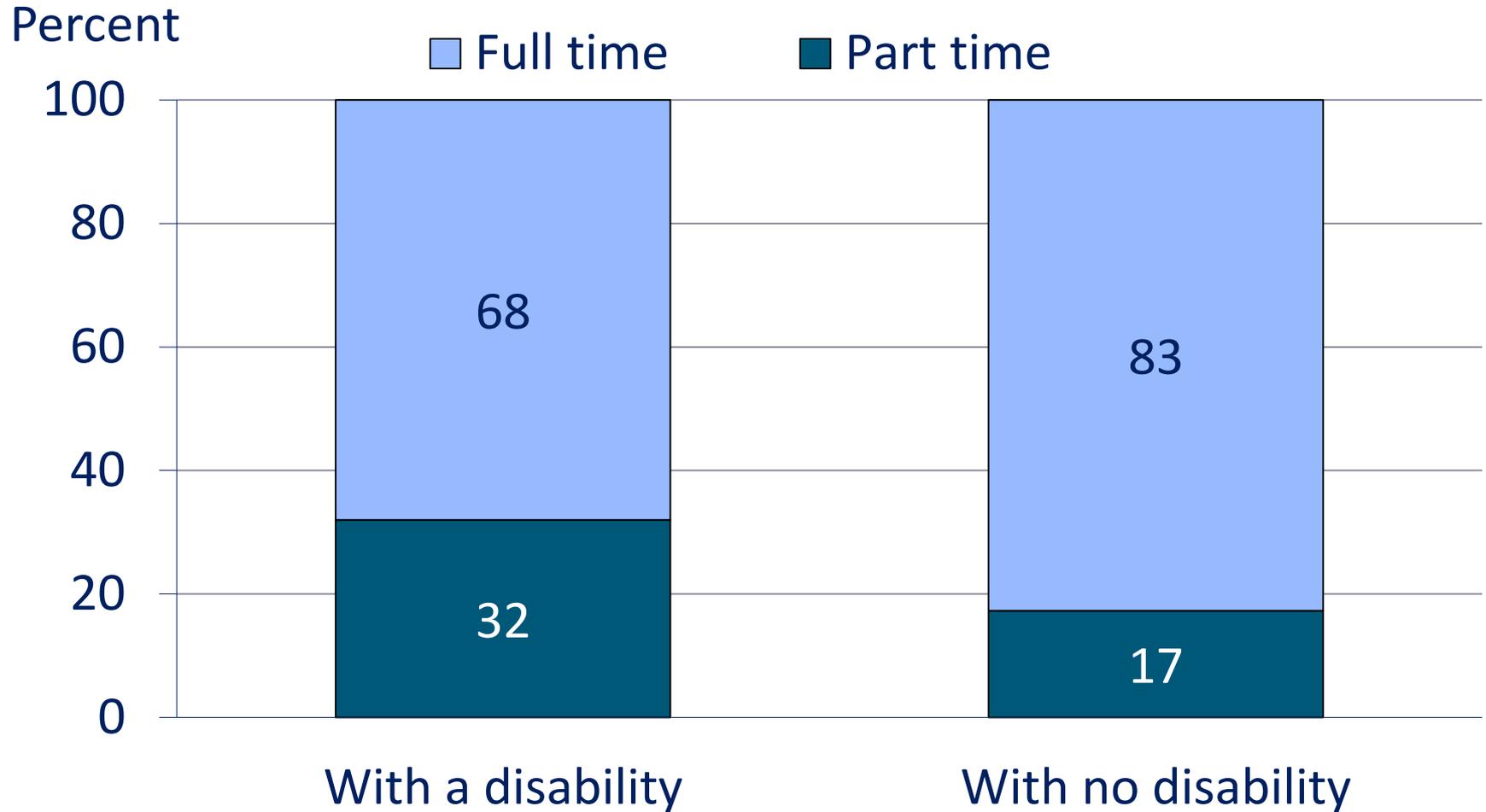
Percent distribution of employed persons by class of worker and disability status (table)

Disability status	Private wage and salary	Government wage and salary	Self-employed
With a disability	74.9	14.4	10.6
With no disability	80.3	13.6	6.0

SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2017 annual averages



Persons with a disability are more likely to work part time (chart)



SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2017 annual averages



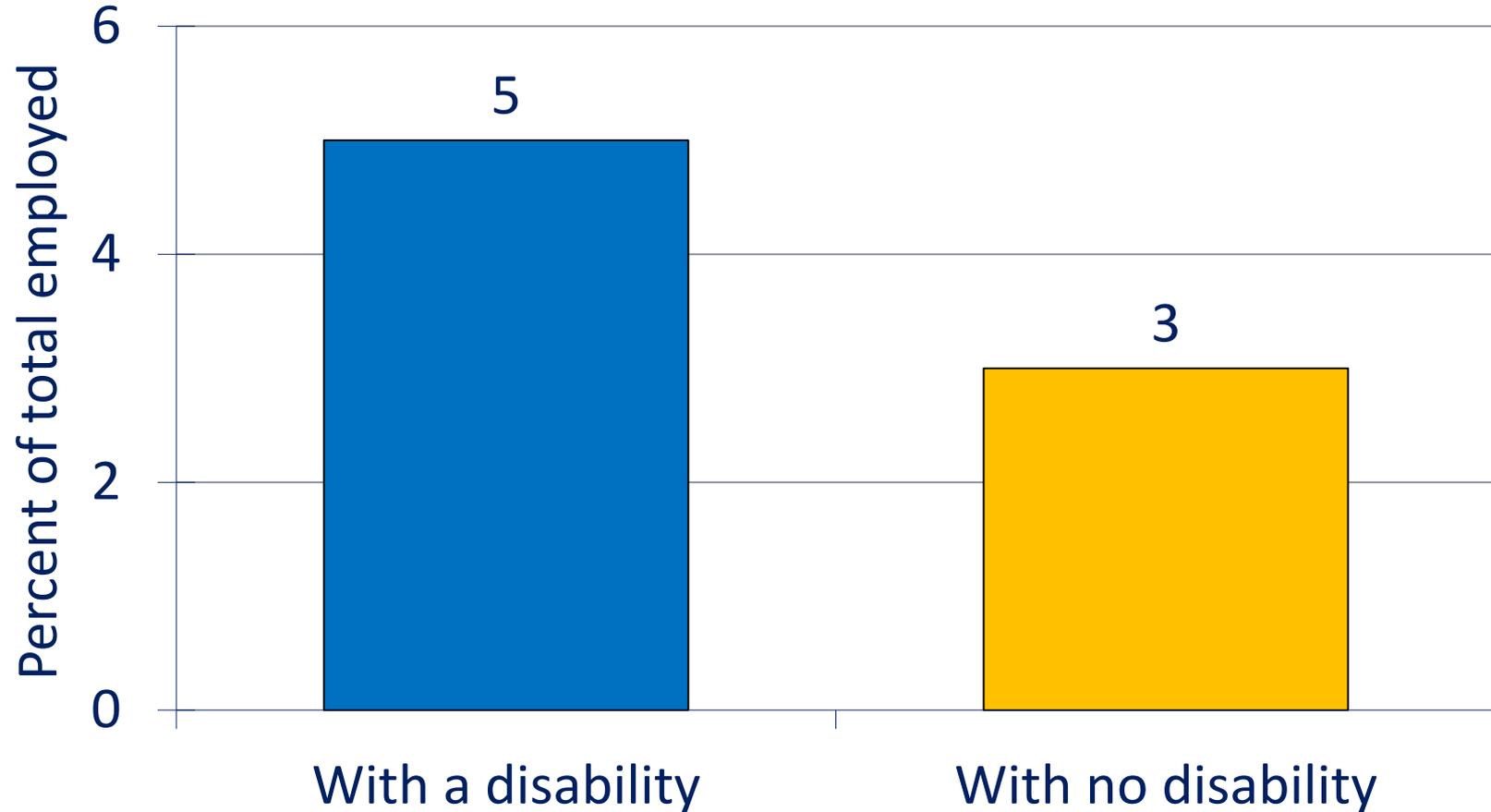
Persons with a disability are more likely to work part time (table)

Full- and part-time status	With a disability	With no disability
Part time	32	17
Full time	68	83

SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2017 annual averages



Persons employed part time for economic reasons by disability status (chart)



SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2017 annual averages



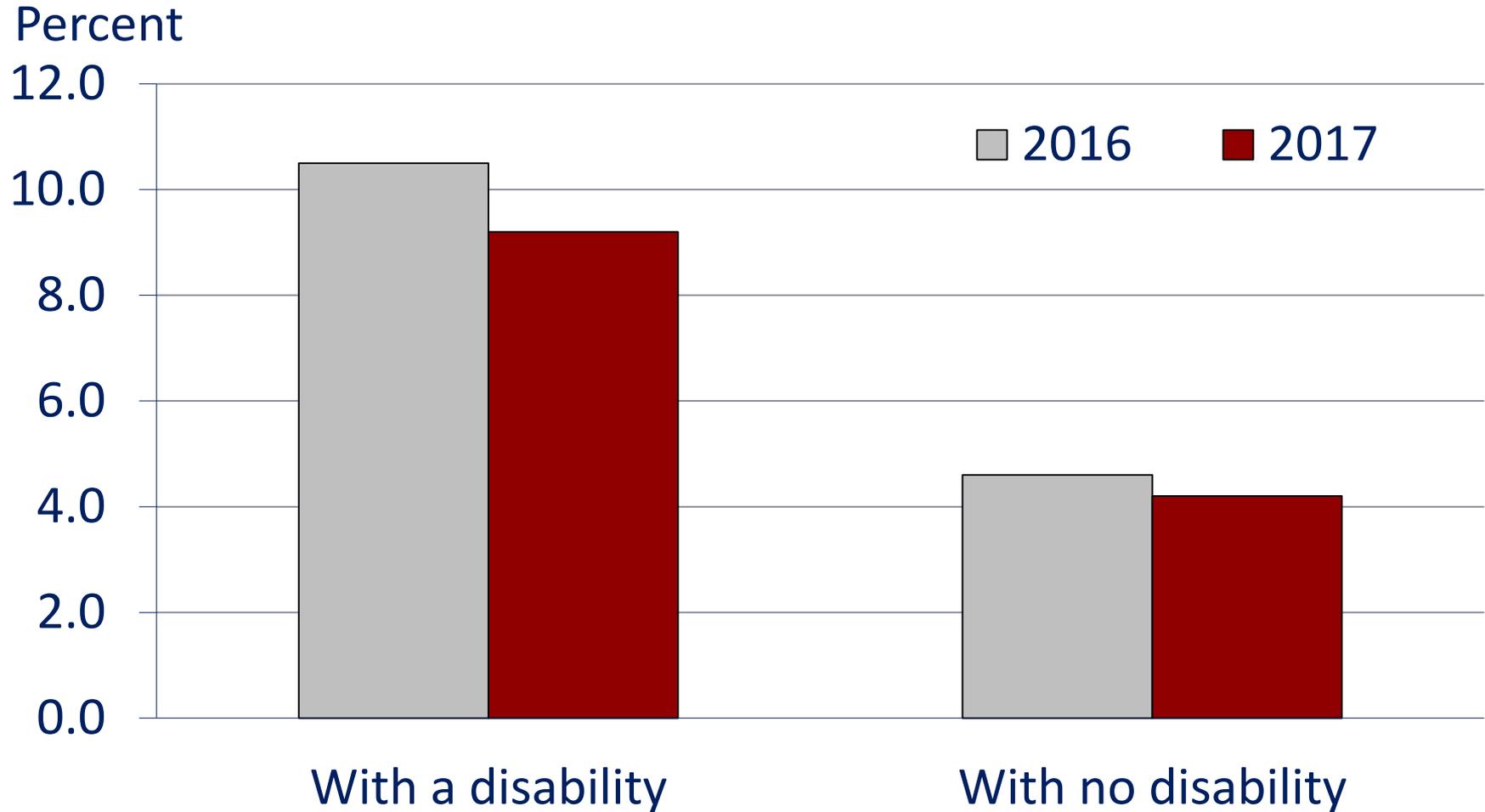
Persons employed part time for economic reasons by disability status (table)

Disability status	Percent of employed
With a disability	5
With no disability	3

SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2017 annual averages



Unemployment rate for persons with a disability declined in 2017 (chart)



SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2016 and 2017 annual averages



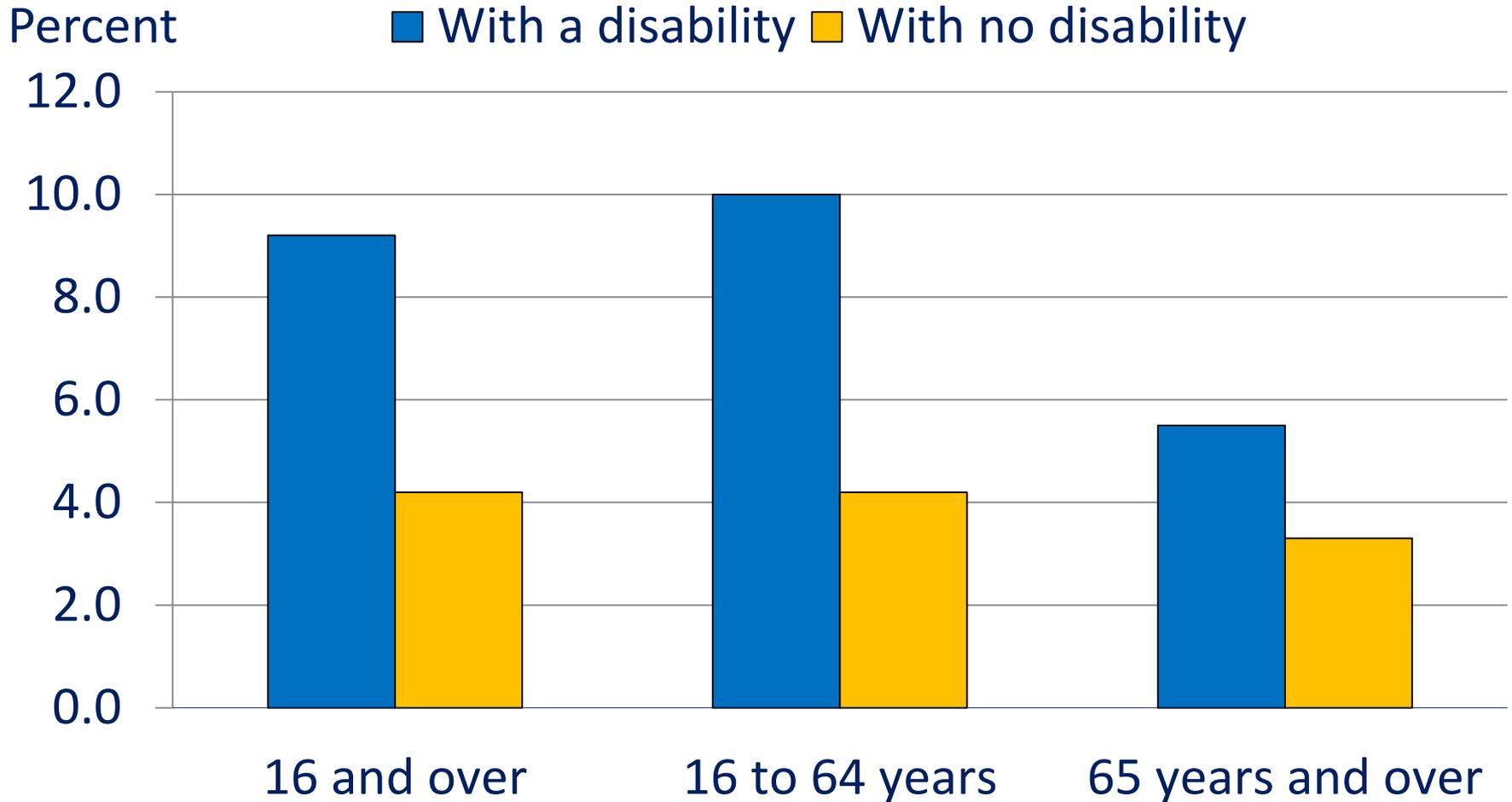
Unemployment rate for persons with a disability declined in 2017 (table)

Year	With a disability	With no disability
2016	10.5	4.6
2017	9.2	4.2

SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2016 and 2017 annual averages



Unemployment rates by age and disability status, 2017 (chart)



SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2017 annual averages



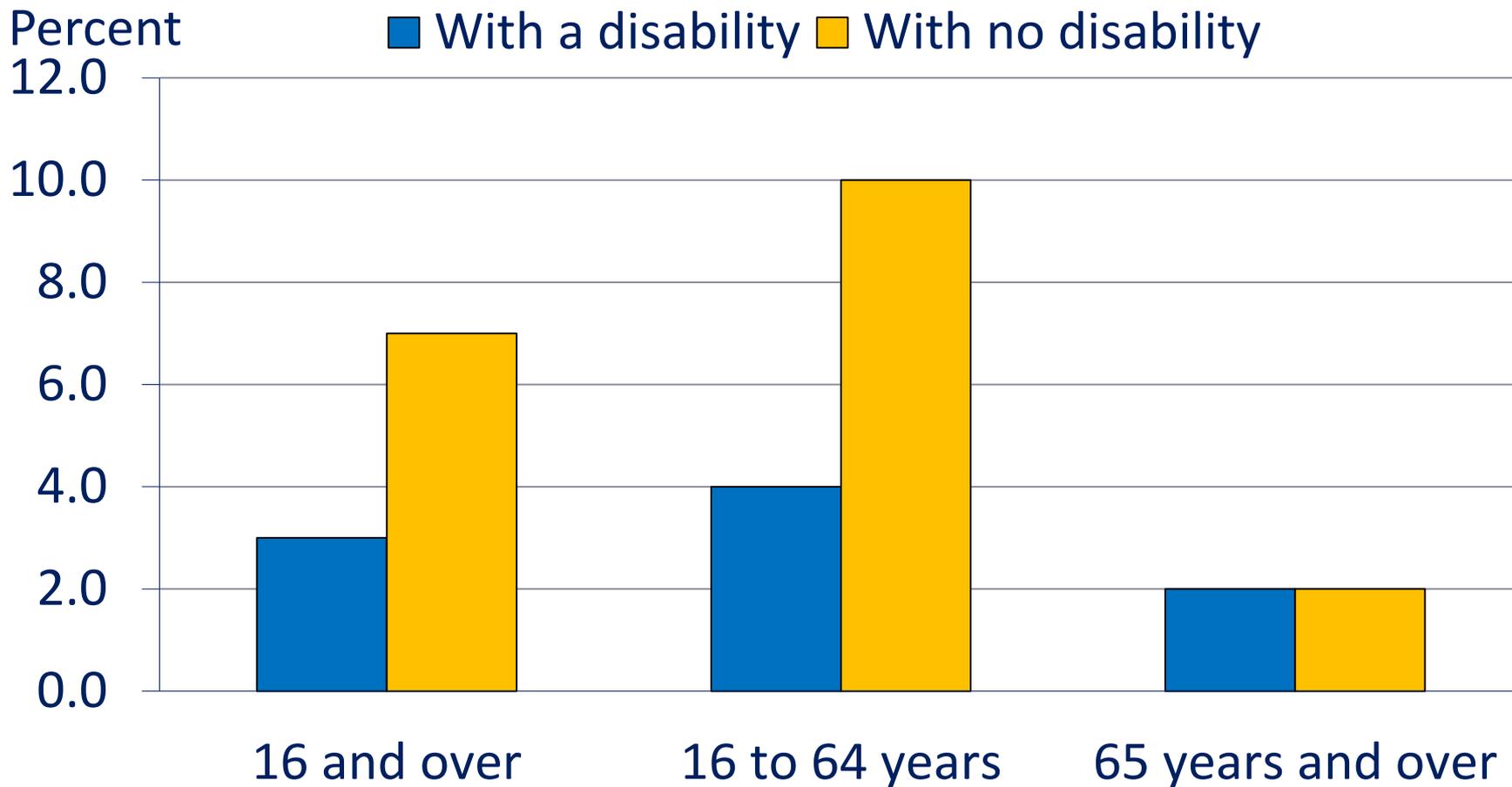
Unemployment rates by age and disability status, 2017 (table)

Disability status	16 and over	16 to 64 years	65 years and over
With a disability	9.2	10.0	5.5
With no disability	4.2	4.2	3.3

SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2017 annual averages



Proportion of persons not in the labor force who want a job by disability status, 2017 (chart)



SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2017 annual averages



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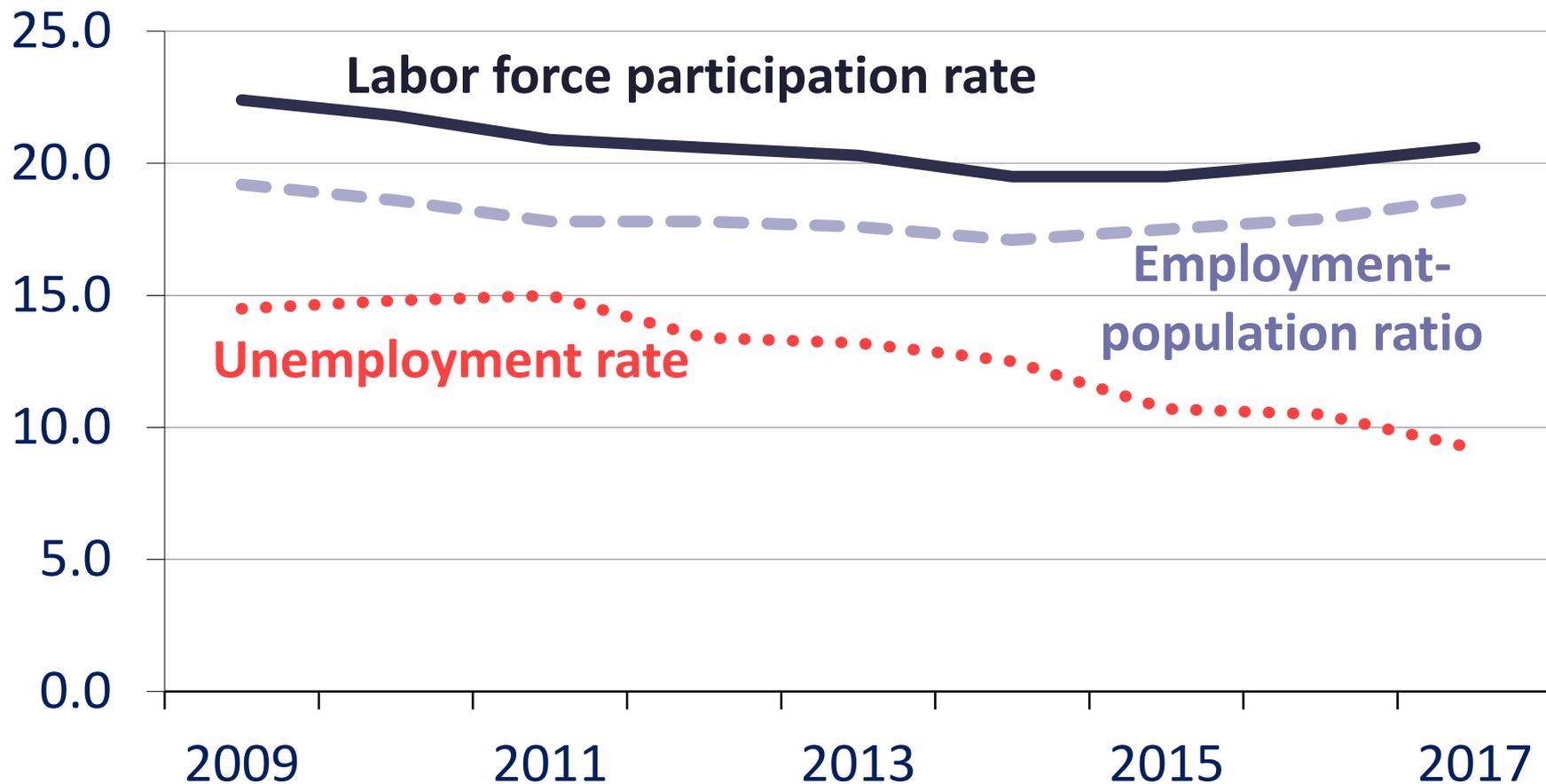
Disability status	16 and over	16 to 64 years	65 years and over
With a disability	3	4	2
With no disability	7	10	2

SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2017 annual averages



Selected labor force indicators, persons with a disability, 2009-2017 (chart)

Percent



SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2009-2017 annual averages



Selected labor force indicators, persons with a disability, 2009-2017 (table)

Labor force indicator	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Labor force participation rate	22.4	21.8	20.9	20.6	20.3	19.5	19.5	20.0	20.6
Employment-population ratio	19.2	18.6	17.8	17.8	17.6	17.1	17.5	17.9	18.7
Unemployment rate	14.5	14.8	15.0	13.4	13.2	12.5	10.7	10.5	9.2

SOURCE: Current Population Survey, 2009-2017 annual averages



CPS Disability Data Online

- **Annual Disability news release:**
<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/disabl.toc.htm>
- **Monthly employment data: Table A-6. Employment status of the civilian population by sex, age, and disability status, not seasonally adjusted** <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/empsit.t06.htm>
- **May 2012 CPS Disability supplement press release:**
<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/dissup.toc.htm>
- **CPS Disability FAQ:** http://www.bls.gov/cps/cpsdisability_faq.htm
- **Even more on Disability:**
<https://www.bls.gov/cps/demographics.htm#disability>



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